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Date November 1, 1933

Subject (in full) Communist Propaganda among Foreign Naval and Military Forces in Shanghai.

Made by D.S. Jones Forwarded by D.S.O. Ernest.

With reference to the attached translation of an item taken from the French Police Intelligence Report of October 26, 1933 concerning communist propaganda conducted among American marines and seizure on American warships in Shanghai of subversive literature, enquiries show that there is very little truth in this report.

When I interviewed Mr Sarly of the French Political Section about the matter and asked him where he got the information from he informed me that he thought it came from us, which it certainly did not.

It is quite correct that subversive pamphlets have recently been thrown into various camps in Shanghai occupied by the U.S. Marine Corps, but the statement that numerous copies of subversive propaganda have been seized on American warships is incorrect.

Lieutenant-Commander Moore and Lieutenant Wenger of the U.S.S. Houston were interviewed in regard to the foregoing. They declared that so far as they were aware no subversive pamphlets had been seized on any American ship in Shanghai.

The undersigned also approached the Officer i/c U.S. Navy Patrol and enquired whether any case of disseminating subversive propaganda had come to his notice. He informed me that none ever had. Furthermore the naval police were positive that pamphlets of this nature had not been disseminated in cabarets or other pleasure resorts patronised by U.S. sailors and marines.

As to the concluding sentence of the attached translation asserting that the American naval authorities had ordered the Military Police to keep a watch on the pleasure resorts in question, I have to state that this is not supported by the facts.

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EXTRACTS FROM FRENCH POLICE INTELLIGENCE REPORT 5388

SPECIAL INQUIRY

October 26, 1933.

ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENTS OF THE KOMINTERN AND OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.

Communist Propaganda among American Warships.

We are informed that the Commander of the American naval forces in China is paying close attention to the communist propaganda which has been systematically conducted of late among the American marines.

Numerous copies of subversive propaganda literature have been seized on the various American warships in harbour in Shanghai. It has been ascertained that this literature is being distributed among the marines at the various pleasure resorts in Shanghai. The American naval authorities have ordered the Military Police to keep a watch on these establishments.

S2, Please verify and report.

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